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Rebecca Martinez Appointed Principal of El Modena High School

August 2, 2012 (Orange, CA) – Orange Unified School District is proud to announce Rebecca Anne Martinez has been appointed principal of El Modena High School.

Mrs. Martinez began her career at El Modena High School in 1987 as a Special Education Instructional Aide. She later spent 16 years as an El Modena High School English teacher and became Coordinator of the Collaborative Technology Program, a California Partnership Academy. She also performed the duties of El Modena High School Pep Advisor for 12 years, Vanguard Club President for 9 years, and El Modena High School Interact Advisor for 4 years. She became Assistant Principal at El Modena High School in 2008, overseeing discipline, safety, master schedule, curriculum and instruction, Positive Behavior Instructional Support (PBIS), Regional Occupation Program (ROP), special education, staff evaluations, staff development and alignment of the district pacing guidelines.

Upon her appointment as El Modena Principal, Mrs. Martinez said, "Twenty-five years at El Modena High School has provided me with an abundance of experience working with adults, students, parents and the community. My passion and vision represents all stakeholders participating in the building of a successful academic pathway for youth."

Throughout her career Mrs. Martinez has received many commendations including the PTSA/PTA Continuing and Honoring Service Award, OUSD Sallie Mae New Teacher Award, OUSD El Modena High School Teacher of the Year, Top 10 Teachers in Orange County Award, The Outstanding Service to National Young Leaders Conference Award, The Golden Touch Award, UCA/UDA Outstanding Pep Advisor Award, Rotarian of the Year Award, and nominee for Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award.

While working as an aide, she attended Chapman University and earned a BA degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in English, receiving the following college distinctions: Cum Laude, Gray Key, Lifetime membership in the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, and Dean's List every semester.

Mrs. Martinez later earned a Multiple Subjects Credential with an emphasis in English and a Master's in Special Education. She also received the Chapman University Top Student Award in the Administration Credential Tier I Program.

Mrs. Martinez has been married for 34 years and has two married adult daughters (both El Modena High School graduates). She has one grandson.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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